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TECHNOLOGY FOR HANDLOOM
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has explored the possibility of increasing the production of handlooms;

(b) if so, the details of the new technology developed; and

(c) the finance and other incentives provided by the Government to adopt the latest technology in handloom industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (c) The production of handloom has increased from 5493 million sq. meters. in 2003-04 to 5704 million sq. meters in 2004-05. The Government of India has also taken certain further steps to increase the production of handloom by introducing new schemes like introduction of Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme, more than doubling the skill up-gradation programmes and doubling the exhibitions of handloom fabrics besides other welfare schemes like New Health Insurances Scheme and Bunkar Bima Yojana.

Under the Mill Gate Price Scheme, all types of yarn is made available to the eligible handloom organizations to facilitate regular supply of basic raw material to the handloom sector and help utilize the full employment potential of the handloom sector.